

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment prior to the issuance of this application is respectfully requested.

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended in the recent telephone interviews regarding this application.

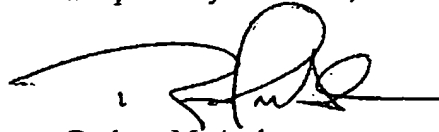
The Examiner's Amendment included in the Supplemental Notice of Allowability of January 17, 2006 included amendment to the specification to include the various prior copending applications through which this application claims priority. However, the proposed Examiner's Amendment did not include the immediate parent application to this application, which was included in the chain of priority specified in the Application Data Sheet as submitted with the new Declaration on November 30, 2005. This amendment corrects that omission.

Applicants submit that no new matter is presented by this amendment. Applicants further submit that this proposed amendment is necessary in order to avoid a misstatement of the full chain of priority in the specification of the patent issuing from this application.

The undersigned does not believe that a fee is due for this amendment. However, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any fee necessary for the consideration and entry of this amendment to deposit account 20-0668.

Entry of this amendment in this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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